



This Week at BPC

Week of December 8th, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, Sunday, December 8th

2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Malcolm Brownlee -

Guest Minister

Deadline: Poinsettia Orders &
BERF Christmas Donations

- 9:30 am Sunday School (A)
9:45 am Sunday School (K)
11:00 am Worship
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Monday, December 9th

- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm Young Life

Tuesday, December 10th

- 11:00 am Afternoon Circle
(at the home of Libby Smith)
6:30 pm Evening Circle
(Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 11th

- 1:15 pm Worship Planning
Meeting
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Handbell Choir

Saturday, December 14th

- 4:00 pm Stuarts Draft
Christmas Parade

Next Sunday, December 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Bernard Bangley - Guest Minister

January Tower Newsletter Deadline

- 9:30 am Sunday School (A)
9:45 am Sunday School (K)
11:00 am Worship &
Joy Gift Offering

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Announcements . . .

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE.**



**Bethel welcomes the Rev. Malcolm Brownlee who will be the Guest Minister today. Rev. Brownlee grew up in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, and moved back there 10 years ago to retire. He has been pastor of churches in Hazard, Kentucky; Riverdale, Georgia; and Huntersville, North Carolina, and interim pastor of churches in Lexington, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia, and Fairfield and Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. From 1973 till 1984 he and his wife Sarah were missionaries in Indonesia. Bethel Presbyterian Church was one of their supporting churches during that time. Please let Rev. Brownlee know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

**Please remember that all Christmas poinsettia orders and BERF Christmas donations are due TODAY! Order forms along with additional details are included with your bulletin announcements. Thank you!

**The Afternoon Circle will meet this Tuesday, December 10th, at 11:00 am (note the time change!). The meeting will be at the home of Libby Smith (180 Howardsville Road, Staunton) and there will be a light brunch served. Please remember to bring cookies for eleven shut-ins. Contact Libby at 540/337-2058 if you have any questions. 

**The Evening Circle will have a Christmas Party this Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30 pm (note the time change!) at the church. We will eat dinner together and exchange gifts. Please bring a dish to share and a small gift. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Elliott (540/885-3554) or Louise Hoy (540/886-3314).

The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by Bettie Swisher and Kay Swisher to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. M.B. Swisher, Don B. Swisher, and Wayne Swisher.

Elder-on-Call
December 2019

If you have a pastoral need please contact
Dan Gano.
(540) 886-0637

Next Sunday, December 15th

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- 12:00 pm Bethel's Christmas Dinner
(covered dish)
- 1:30 pm Bethel Youth Caroling to Shut-Ins
(following meal)

PRAYER LIST

New Additions

Family & Friends of Harold Blacka
(brother of Joyce Miller)

Congregation Members

- Jarod Davis & Family
- Dan Gano
- Bobby Goodson
- Karen Koogler
- Sara Ann Lamb
- Evelyn LaPorte
- Jane Law
- Jeannie Lee
- Margaret Liptrap
- John Pilson
- Alice Wooddell



Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

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| Sarah Brownlee | Paul Harper |
| Ann Kellogg | David Law |
| Olivia Lewis | Roy Pilson |
| William McFarlane | Jamie Pirkey |
| Van Pirkey | Devin Scott |
| Michael Somers | Steve Yancey |
| Margaret Sprouse | |

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Maggi Peterson
Family & Friends of Boyd Wood

Community, Country, & World

All Military Leaders & Personnel
Police, Firemen, and EMS workers
& volunteers
Michael & Rachel Weller,
Missionaries in Ethiopia

Announcements . . .



**The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society will be presenting their holiday music concert on Friday, December 13th, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 15th, at 3:00 pm. Both concerts are at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The music will include Rutter's Magnificat along with other carols and songs for Christmas. Tickets are available online at singshenandoah.org or at the door.

**The Christmas Joy Offering will be received during the worship service next Sunday, December 15th. Special envelopes will be included in your bulletin then specifically for "Christmas Joy". Additional information about the offering is included with your bulletin announcements this morning.

**Christmas Alive Program at Riverheads Elementary School There are still a few tags left on the Christmas tree in Memorial Hall for the children of the family we are helping this Christmas! Please choose a tag, sign your name on the list provided (so that the committee will know who has taken the tag), and purchase the gift on the tag. Please return your gift wrapped and with the tag attached to Memorial Hall by next Sunday, December 15th! The Mission Committee will also be buying a Christmas meal for the family. As always thank you for your support. If you have questions please contact Kathy Swisher at (540) 885-7397.

**The January Tower newsletter deadline will be next Sunday, December 15th. You may leave articles and announcements for the Tower in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. We welcome and appreciate early submissions before the 15th! All announcements for the newsletter should include: Who? What? When? Where? Why?

**Please have all announcements for the bulletin for December 22nd and the bulletin for December 29th to the Church Office by Monday, December 16th, at 9:00 am.



**If you have not picked up an Advent bookmark and booklet please make sure to grab one of each today. They are available in the vestibule at the back of the Sanctuary. Both resources are provided by the Worship & Christian Education Committees. The bookmark is a litany for you to read over and keep in mind while decorating the Christmas tree. The booklet has daily meditations by notable historical Christian writers. It is our sincere hope that you will use this booklet as we journey to the manger this Advent season!



November 24th
Attendance: 55

December 1st
Attendance: 59

